

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicants thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to him during a telephonic interview, which took place on August 15, 2005 with respect to the subject application. The present Amendment reflects the discussions and conclusions reached during the course of the conference to place the present application in condition for allowance with respect to the claimed invention, as originally filed.

The present application was made subject to a restriction requirement by an Office Action dated May 14, 2004. During telephonic interview with the Examiner, it was agreed that the subject matter of Claims 1 to 5 directed to film products would be made subject to prosecution in the instant application. It was further agreed that, on the finding of allowance of said claims, original Claims 6 to 14 directed to laminate products would be reconsidered for allowance within the present application. In view of the Restriction, Claims 6 to 24 were withdrawn to further prosecution.

A Notice of Allowance has issued with respect to the invention of Claims 1-5 of the present application. Examiner and Attorney for Applicants have agreed that original Claims 6 to 14 directed to laminate products should also be allowed and made part of the present application. The Examiner has made the allowance of said claims conditional upon amending Claims 6 to 14 to conform to any prior amendments of the allowed claims. Attorney for Applicants presents new Claims 25 to 33 to correspond to original Claims 6 to 14 and to conform to the condition set forth by the Examiner.

Attorney for Applicants believes the Examiner will agree that the present Amendment should be entered and that Claims 1 to 5 and 25 to 33, as presently submitted, be made subject to the Notice of Allowance issued on July 21, 2005. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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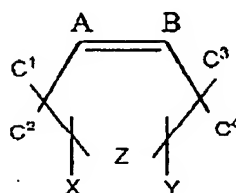
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1. (Previously Presented): A film comprising at least one layer, the layer comprising an oxygen scavenger composition comprising a condensation polymer and an oxygen scavenging catalytic amount of a transition metal salt, compound or complex, wherein said polymer comprises mer units derived from:

(A) at least one or a mixture of substituted alicyclic compounds having non-aromatic, ethylenic functionality according to the following representation:



wherein

A, B, C¹, C², C³, C⁴ each independently represents hydrogen or a C_qH_{2q+1} hydrocarbyl group with q being an integer of from 0 to 20, provided that either A or B and at least one of C¹, C², C³, C⁴ are hydrogen atoms and each carbon atom of the alicyclic ring is fully substituted by hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, X and/or Y group(s) or mixtures thereof to fill its valence state;

X and Y each independently represents -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D being selected from a halide atom or an OR group wherein R is hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or X and Y together represent -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)_x-D with x being 2, n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D is oxygen atom; and

Z representing a -(C_tH_{2t})- hydrocarbylene group with t being an integer in the range from 1-4;

(B) at least one or a mixture of difunctional hydrocarbon compounds according to the following representation:

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wherein

R' represents a C₅ or greater hydrocarbon group selected from
alkylene, cycloalkylene or arylene group, and

5 each G represents a hydroxyl or an amino group;

(C) from 300 to 15,000 parts per million based on the total of (A), (B),
(C) and (D) of at least one or a mixture of polyfunctional hydrocarbon
compounds according to the following representation:

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J-R''(-J)_z

wherein

R'' represents a C₂-C₂₀ hydrocarbon group selected from alkylene,
cycloalkylene, arylene, alkarylene or aralkylene groups or mixtures thereof;

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J represents a functional group selected from -OH, -NH₂, -N=C=O
and -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and
D being selected from a halide atom or an OR''' group, wherein R''' is an -
H, or C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or two J groups together represents

(CH₂)_n C(=O)_x-D with n being an integer of from 0 to 20, D being an
20 oxygen atom and x being 2;

z is an integer of from 2 to 5; and

(D) from 1 to 20 mole percent of the total of (A), (B), (C) and (D) of at
least one or a mixture of monomer compounds selected from isophthalic
25 acid, terephthalic acid, tetrahydroisophthalic acid, tetrahydroterephthalic
acid, hydrogenated isophthalic acid, hydrogenated terephthalic acid, C₁-C₁₂
alkyl esters thereof, anhydride derivatives thereof, and hydrocarbyl
derivatives thereof and lower C₁-C₅ glycol ester derivatives thereof; said X
and Y of (A), G of (B), J of (C) and functional groups of (D) are in amounts

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that provide a molar ratio of carboxylic acid, acid ester acid halide and isocyano groups to hydroxyl and amino groups of from 0.9:1 to 1.1:1.

2. (Original): The film of claim 1 wherein monomer (A) is selected from
5 *cis*-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride; and dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate.

3. (Original): The film of claim 1 wherein monomer (B) is selected from
1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,7-heptanediol, 1,8-octanediol and
10 mixtures thereof.

4. (Original): The film of claim 1 wherein the monomer (C) is selected
from benzenepentacarboxylic acid, benzenehexacarboxylic acid, trimellitic
anhydride, pyromellitic dianhydride, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol
15 and mixtures thereof.

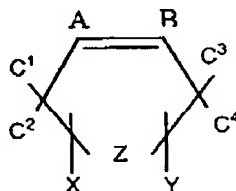
5. (Original): The film of claim 1 wherein monomer (D) is selected from
isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester,
terephthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)terephthalate,
20 bis(2-hydroxyethyl)isophthalate, hydrocarbyl substituted derivatives thereof
and mixtures thereof.

6. (Withdrawn): A laminated product comprising a plurality of layers,
including

25 i) at least one layer, the layer comprising an oxygen scavenger
composition comprising a condensation polymer and a transition metal salt,
compound or complex, wherein said polymer comprises mer units derived
from

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(A) at least one or a mixture of substituted alicyclic compounds having non-aromatic, ethylenic functionality according to the following representation:



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X and Y each independently represents -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D being selected from a halide atom or an OR group wherein R is hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or X and Y together represent -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)_x-D with x being 2, n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D is oxygen atom; and

Z representing a -(C_tH_{2t-2})- hydrocarbylene group with t being an integer in the range from 1-4;

(B) at least one or a mixture of difunctional hydrocarbon compounds according to the following representation:

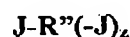


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'R' represents a C₅ or greater hydrocarbon group selected from alkylene, cycloalkylene or arylene group, and each G represents a hydroxyl or an amino group;

- 5 (C) at least one or a mixture of polyfunctional hydrocarbon compounds according to the following representation:



wherein

- 10 R'' represents a C₂-C₂₀ hydrocarbon group selected from alkylene, cycloalkylene, arylene, alkarylene or aralkylene groups or mixtures thereof;

- 15 J represents a functional group selected from -OH, -NH₂, -N=C=O and -(CH₂)_n-C=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D being selected from a halide atom or an OR''' group, wherein R''' is an -H, or C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or two J groups together represents -(CH₂)_n-C=O)-D with n being an integer of from 0 to 20, D being an oxygen atom and x being 2;

z is an integer of from 2 to 5; and

- 20 (D) at least one or a mixture of monomer compounds selected from isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, tetrahydroisophthalic acid, tetrahydroterephthalic acid, hydrogenated isophthalic acid, hydrogenated terephthalic acid, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl esters thereof, anhydride derivatives thereof, and hydrocarbyl derivatives thereof and lower C₁-C₅ glycol ester derivatives thereof; and

- 25 ii) at least one layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of

- 30 a) a polymeric article,
b) a paper article, and
c) a metal article.

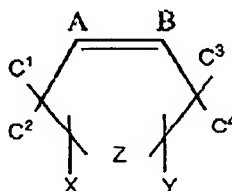
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7. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (A) is selected from *cis*-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride; and dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate.
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8. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (B) is selected from 1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,7-heptanediol, 1,8-octanediol and mixtures thereof.
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9. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the monomer (C) is selected from benzenepentacarboxylic acid, benzenhexacarboxylic acid, trimellitic anhydride, pyromellitic dianhydride, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol and mixtures thereof.
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10. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (D) is selected from isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, terephthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)terephthalate, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)isophthalate, hydrocarbyl substituted derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof.
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11. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the polymeric article comprises a bottle.
12. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the
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- polymeric article comprises a tray.
13. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the paper article comprises a gable top carton.
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14. (Withdrawn): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the metal

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article comprises a can.

15. (Withdrawn): An oxygen scavenger composition comprising a
condensation polymer and a transition metal salt, compound or complex,
wherein said polymer comprises mer units derived from
(A) at least one or a mixture of substituted alicyclic compounds having
non-aromatic, ethylenic functionality according to the following
representation:



wherein

A, B, C¹, C², C³, C⁴ each independently represents hydrogen or a
C_qH_{2q+1} hydrocarbyl group with q being an integer of from 0 to 20, provided
that either A or B and at least one of C¹, C², C³, C⁴ are hydrogen atoms and
each carbon atom of the alicyclic ring is fully substituted by hydrogen,
hydrocarbyl, X and/or Y group(s) or mixtures thereof to fill its valence state;

X and Y each independently represents -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n
being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D being selected from a
halide atom or an OR group wherein R is hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl
group, or X and Y together represent -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)_x-D with x being 2, n
being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D is oxygen atom; and

Z representing a -(C_tH_{2t-2})- hydrocarbylenc group with t being an
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according to the following representation:

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5 each G represents a hydroxyl or an amino group;

(C) at least one or a mixture of polyfunctional hydrocarbon compounds
according to the following representation:

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wherein

R'' represents a C₂-C₂₀ hydrocarbon group selected from alkylene,
cycloalkylene, arylene, alkarylene or aralkylene groups or mixtures thereof;

J represents a functional group selected from -OH, -NH₂, -N=C=O
15 and -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and
D being selected from a halide atom or an OR''' group, wherein R''' is an -
H, or C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or two J groups together represents -(CH₂)_n-
C(=O)_x-D with n being an integer of from 0 to 20, D being an oxygen atom
and x being 2;

20 z is an integer of from 2 to 5; and

(D) at least one or a mixture of monomer compounds selected from
isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, tetrahydroisophthalic acid,
tetrahydroterephthalic acid, hydrogenated isophthalic acid, hydrogenated
25 terephthalic acid, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl esters thereof, anhydride derivatives thereof,
and hydrocarbyl derivatives thereof and lower C₁-C₅ glycol ester derivatives
thereof.

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16. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein monomer (A) is selected from *cis*-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride; and dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate.
- 5 17. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein monomer (B) is selected from 1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,7-heptanediol, 1,8-octanediol and mixtures thereof.
- 10 18. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein the monomer (C) is selected from benzenepentacarboxylic acid, benzenhexacarboxylic acid, trimellitic anhydride, pyromellitic dianhydride, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol and mixtures thereof.
- 15 19. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein monomer (D) is selected from isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, terephthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, bis(2-hydroxyethyl) terephthalate, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)isophthalate, hydrocarbyl substituted derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof.
- 20 20. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein the transition metal is present in from 0.001 to 1 weight percent based on the total weight of the mixture.
- 25 21. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein the transition metal is present as a salt selected from the group consisting of cobalt neodecanoate, cobalt 2-ethylhexanoate, cobalt oleate, cobalt acetylacetonate, and cobalt 2-ethylbutyrate.
- 30 22. (Withdrawn): The composition of Claim 15 wherein the composition comprises an effective amount of a photoinitiator.

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23. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein the oxygen scavenger composition comprises a diluent polymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene polymer and copolymer, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene dichloride, polycaprolactone, polyamide, polycarbonate, polyurethane, polyether, polypropylene, polystyrene, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

24. (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 15 wherein

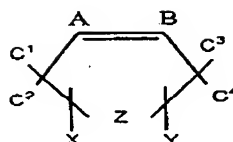
- a) the condensation polymer is derived from monomer (C) in the amount of from 300 to 15,000 parts per million based on the total monomer content used,
- b) the condensation polymer is derived from monomer (D) in the amount of from 2 to 25 molar percent of the total of monomers (A) and (D), and
- c) the molar ratio of carboxylic acid, acid ester, acid halide and isocyanate groups to hydroxyl and amine groups of monomers (A), (B), (C) and (D) is from 0.9 to 1.1.

25. (New): A laminated product comprising a plurality of layers, including

- i) at least one layer, the layer comprising an oxygen scavenger composition comprising a condensation polymer and an oxygen scavenging catalytic amount of a transition metal salt, compound or complex, wherein said polymer comprises mer units derived from
- (A) at least one or a mixture of substituted alicyclic compounds having non-aromatic, ethylenic functionality according to the following representation:

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X and Y each independently represents -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)-D with n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D being selected from a halide atom or an OR group wherein R is hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, or X and Y together represent -(CH₂)_n-C(=O)_x-D with x being 2, n being an integer in the range from 0 to 20 and D is oxygen atom; and

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(B) at least one or a mixture of difunctional hydrocarbon compounds according to the following representation:



wherein

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ii) at least one layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of

- a) a polymeric article,
- b) a paper article, and
- c) a metal article.

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26. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (A) is selected from *cis*-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalic anhydride; and dimethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrophthalate.

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27. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (B) is selected from 1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,7-heptanediol, 1,8-octanediol and mixtures thereof.

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28. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the monomer (C) is selected from benzenepentacarboxylic acid, benzenhexacarboxylic acid, trimellitic anhydride, pyromellitic dianhydride, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol and mixtures thereof.

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29. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein monomer (D) is selected from isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, terephthalic acid (C₁-C₃) alkyl ester, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)terephthalate, bis(2-hydroxyethyl)isophthalate, hydrocarbyl substituted derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof.

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30. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the polymeric article comprises a bottle.

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31. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the polymeric article comprises a tray.

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32. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the paper article comprises a gable top carton.

5 33. (New): The laminated product of claim 6 wherein the metal article comprises a can.